

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending.

I. The Rejection Based on Kamatani in view of Takiguchi et al.

Claims 1-6 "with formula (9) as a species" are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kamatani (US 2003/0224208) in view of Takiguchi et al. (US 2003/0068535).

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 have been amended to recite a metal coordination compound monomer unit represented by any one of Formulae (1) to (6), deleting formulae (7)-(12).

The 5 membered ring of carbazole structure contained in formula (1) to (6) have a moiety "N-X₇", while 5 membered ring of the structure corresponding to formula (1) to (6) disclosed in Takiguchi (US2003/0068535) and Kamatani (US2003/0224208) do not have a moiety "N-X₇".

Accordingly, formulae (1) to (6) in the present invention is not described in Takiguchi and Kamatani and the present invention is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(1) over Kamatani in view of Takiguchi.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that their claimed invention is allowable and ask that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully solicited.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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